

Department of Social and Health Services

DP Code/Title: M1-93 Mandatory Caseload Adjustments

Program Level - 060 Economic Services Admin

Budget Period: 2003-05 Version: F2 060 2003-05 2004 Sup-Agency Req

Recommendation Summary Text:

This decision package reflects the costs and savings associated with caseload changes in the October 2003 Forecast from the Caseload Forecast Council (CFC) and the Office of Forecasting and Policy Analysis (OFPA) for the Economic Services Administration (ESA). Statewide result number 5.

Fiscal Detail:

Operating Expenditures

	<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Overall Funding			
001-1 General Fund - Basic Account-State	10,511,000	15,467,000	25,978,000
001-2 General Fund - Basic Account-Federal	(918,000)	(918,000)	(1,836,000)
001-A General Fund - Basic Account-DSHS Fam Support/Chi	(577,000)	422,000	(155,000)
001-D General Fund - Basic Account-TANF (DSHS)	9,235,000	10,616,000	19,851,000
Total Cost	18,251,000	25,587,000	43,838,000

Staffing

Package Description:

ESA provides work-related services, child support services, financial, food, and other assistance to eligible clients. This request reflects the changes associated with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) OFPA and the CFC caseload projections for ESA. The forecast for ESA programs includes caseload and cost estimates for: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Child Support Recoveries, General Assistance (GA), Diversion Cash Assistance (DCA), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP).

RCA - The dollar adjustments associated with this request is estimated to be \$918,000 for State Fiscal Year's 2004 and 2005.

TANF Assistance - TANF provides cash assistance for families, which must include a child (or a pregnant woman with no other children) who is in financial need. The adjusted need is approximately \$11.2 million in State Fiscal Year 2004 and \$13.6 million in State Fiscal Year 2005.

GA - This program provides cash assistance for low-income adults who are unemployable based on a medical impairment and/or applying, and appear to be eligible for federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. The adjusted need is approximately \$10.9 million for State Fiscal Year 2004 and \$14.9 million for State Fiscal Year 2005.

CEAP - The dollar adjustments associated with this request is estimated to be \$176,000 for State Fiscal Year's 2004 and 2005.

DCA - This program provides a once in a 12-month payment (up to \$1500) to overcome a temporary emergency. The dollar adjustment associated with this caseload is estimated to be \$1.7 million in State Fiscal Year 2004 and \$2.8 million in State Fiscal Year 2005.

Child Support Recoveries - The Division of Child Support (DCS) provides collection services to custodial parents regardless of their participation in a grant program. Collections for families on assistance are retained by the state and shared with the federal government. This request requires an adjustment of (\$1.2) million in State Fiscal Year 2004 and an additional \$844k in State Fiscal Year 2005.

Narrative Justification and Impact Statement

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How contributes to strategic plan:

Maintain a safety net for people in poverty by providing the highest quality public assistance and child support services.

Performance Measure Detail

Program: 060

Goal: 02F Maintain safety net for people in need.

Incremental Changes

FY 1

FY 2

No measures submitted for package

Reason for change:

The adjustment for each caseload reflect forecasted changes in the number of cases and/or cost per case for which grants must be provided. The changes associated with each caseload do not reflect any change in the type or level of service provided by ESA.

Impact on clients and services:

By ensuring that adequate funding is available for the changing caseloads, the department will be able to provide grants to those who meet current program requirements.

Impact on other state programs:

None

Relationship to capital budget:

Not applicable

Required changes to existing RCW, WAC, contract, or plan:

No revisions are needed if funding is approved.

Alternatives explored by agency:

Not applicable

Budget impacts in future biennia:

Costs associated with the caseload in future biennia will be determined by future caseload projections.

Distinction between one-time and ongoing costs:

The forecasted caseloads will have ongoing costs in future biennia.

Effects of non-funding:

These caseloads are forecasted programs. If they are not funded, clients will be affected through eligibility restrictions or waiting lists.

Expenditure Calculations and Assumptions:

See attachment - ESA M1-93 Mandatory Caseload Adjustments.xls

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<u>Object Detail</u>		<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Overall Funding				
N	Grants, Benefits & Client Services	18,251,000	25,587,000	43,838,000
 DSHS Source Code Detail				
Overall Funding		<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund 001-1, General Fund - Basic Account-State				
<u>Sources</u>	<u>Title</u>			
0011	General Fund State	10,511,000	15,467,000	25,978,000
<i>Total for Fund 001-1</i>		10,511,000	15,467,000	25,978,000
 Fund 001-2, General Fund - Basic Account-Federal				
<u>Sources</u>	<u>Title</u>			
566B	Refugee & Entrant Assist-St Admin'd Prog(D)(100%)	(918,000)	(918,000)	(1,836,000)
<i>Total for Fund 001-2</i>		(918,000)	(918,000)	(1,836,000)
 Fund 001-A, General Fund - Basic Account-DSHS Fam Support/Chi				
<u>Sources</u>	<u>Title</u>			
563A	Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement (A) (FMAP)	(577,000)	422,000	(155,000)
<i>Total for Fund 001-A</i>		(577,000)	422,000	(155,000)
 Fund 001-D, General Fund - Basic Account-TANF (DSHS)				
<u>Sources</u>	<u>Title</u>			
558B	Temp Assist for Needy Families (TANF) (100%)	9,235,000	10,616,000	19,851,000
<i>Total for Fund 001-D</i>		9,235,000	10,616,000	19,851,000
 Total Overall Funding		18,251,000	25,587,000	43,838,000